UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: April 6, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: JACK L. RUBY, AKA.
LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA. - VICTIM
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SYNOPSIS:

The President's Commission by letter dated March 3, 1964, stated that they would like to have copies of all records of interviews with Ruby contained in all FBI records and also copies of all records of interviews of other persons at all places at any time prior to November 23, 1963, wherein Ruby is mentioned. In view of the extremely broad nature of the Commission's request, it was necessary to have all field offices check their indices thoroughly for any references whatever to Ruby and furnish copies of the original source material containing these references for submission to the Commission.

Copies of the original records as submitted by the field have been carefully reviewed at the Bureau. No material was submitted by the field other than that wherein the information pertaining to Ruby had been excerpted therefrom and adequately reported and furnished to the Commission. The only purpose to be served in furnishing copies of the records of the original interviews or other original source material wherein Ruby is mentioned is to satisfy the Commission's request. The material submitted does not contain any information which could logically serve as a basis for further inquiry relating to Ruby or his possible connection with Oswald or the assassination itself. In all investigation conducted to date we have not developed any positive indication that Ruby ever knew Oswald or ever had any connection or association with him prior to the assassination of President Kennedy.

It is noted that Ruby was contacted by an Agent on March 11, 1959, to determine if Ruby was in a position to furnish information regarding criminal matters and if he would be willing to do so. He was advised of the Bureau's criminal jurisdiction and he expressed a willingness to cooperate. Ruby was subsequently

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contacted on eight occasions between 3/11/59 and 10/2/59. All of the contacts were completely negative. Ruby did not furnish any information, he was never paid any money, and he was never an informant of this Bureau. The Commission was previously advised of this by letter dated 2/27/64. This Bureau did not at any time, at any place, have any other contacts with Ruby or interview him prior to 11/23/63.

ACTION:

Copies of the original records setting forth interviews of persons who mentioned Ruby and copies of material from our files wherein Ruby is mentioned prior to 11/23/63 are being furnished to the Commission by cover letter attached for approval. This material is set forth verbatim from our files with the exception of instances wherein it is necessary to protect the identity of a confidential source or informant.

DETAILS:

There is set forth as follows a detailed description of each item being furnished to the President's Commission.

1. The material in Item 1 being furnished to the Commission is taken from the report of SA Robert M. Barrett, Dallas, dated 3/1/62 entitled "Crime Conditions in the Dallas Division, Anti-Racketeering" wherein it states that the Carousel Club, operated by Jack Ruby, is one of three burlesque houses in Dallas catering mostly to tourists and featuring "strip-tease" dancers.

2. This item was taken from the report of SA James W. Bookhout at Dallas dated 10/10/50 in the case entitled "Ralph Eugene Young; Joyce Skillman, Atomic Energy Act" and sets forth an interview [redacted] who requested that his name be kept confidential. He furnished information from the records of the hotel regarding Ralph Eugene Young who was registered there. Included in the information was a list of telephone calls from Young's room, one of which was made to the Silver Spur, 17 South Every (billing to Norma Miller and Jack Ruby). The listings for the telephone numbers called were furnished by another confidential source at the telephone company. Ralph Eugene Young, then employed by Chance Vought Aircraft Company doing work for the Government, was allegedly attempting to obtain Government information which was the basis for the Atomic Energy Act investigation.

3. This item was taken from an airtel from Los Angeles to the Bureau and Dallas dated 3/20/56 entitled "James Breen, Miscellaneous - Information Concerning." The airtel sets forth information relating to a contact of the Los Angeles Office on 3/18/56 by Eileen Curry, Breen's common-law wife [redacted] and had moved to Dallas. It states that Curry indicated that she believed James Breen, who was allegedly handling narcotics, had in some fashion gotten the OK to operate through Jack Ruby of Dallas. This item is the basis for information set forth in the report of SA Manning C. Clements at Dallas dated 11/30/63 indicating that Ruby was known to be an associate of Eileen Curry.

4. This item was taken from a memorandum to the SAC, Dallas, from SA Robert M. Barrett dated 7/9/59 entitled "Gambling Activities, Dallas Division." It contains information obtained from Lt. Jack Revill, Criminal Intelligence Section, Dallas Police Department, indicating that the Dallas Police Department had been advised on 4/2/59 that Sidney Siedband, a Dallas gambler, had been arrested in Oklahoma City at which time he had in his possession a large number of telephone numbers of Dallas and Fort Worth contacts. Among the telephone numbers included was the name and number of Jack Ruby, operator of the Vegas Club.

5. This item was taken from Dallas airtel to Detroit dated 9/14/61 entitled [redacted] Criminal Informant." It sets forth a contact of the Dallas Office on 9/7/61 by [redacted] an informant of the Detroit Office, wherein [redacted] a prostitute, advised that she and [redacted] had brought [redacted] to Dallas from Bossier City, Louisiana, and obtained a job for her as a stripper at Jack Ruby's Carousel Club.

6. This item was taken from a memorandum to the SAC, Dallas, from Investigative Clerk Pearce dated 9/28/61 entitled [redacted] Criminal Informant." It relates a contact of the Dallas Office by [redacted] Carousel Club, wherein she advised [redacted] was residing with her and Harvey Bostick, a bartender at the Carousel Club, and was presently employed by Jack Ruby at the Carousel as a waitress.

7. This item was taken from a memorandum to the SAC, Dallas, from SA W. Harlan Brown entitled "Mrs. Eva Grant, aka. Eva Ruby, Eva Rubenstein, General Intelligence Information File"

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dated 11/16/62. This memorandum sets forth an interview of [redacted] ~~Dallas, Texas, on 11/16/62 when she~~ advised that [redacted] She had received information to the effect that Eva Grant, who operates the Vegas Club in Dallas, was formerly connected with the Al Capone Gang in Chicago, Illinois. She related that a brother of Eva Grant's currently owned and operated the Carousel Nightclub in Dallas.

8. This item sets forth the contents of a memorandum to the SAC from SA Ralph J. Miles entitled "General Intelligence Information File, Dallas, Texas" dated 3/11/53 which relates that SA Miles while in the office of Vincent Lee, American Guild of Variety Artists, Dallas, on 3/11/53 observed Jack Ruby, operator of the Silver Spur, make certain demands of Lee in a blustering manner that Lee supply Ruby with some girls to put on entertainment at the Silver Spur Club. After the incident Lee advised SA Miles that Ruby considered himself a very tough character and always carried a gun. He also stated that Ruby hung out with other hoodlum types.

9. This item was taken from a memorandum to the SAC [redacted] from SA Robert P. Gemberling dated ~~6-5-61 entitled~~ [redacted] Potential ~~Criminal Informant.~~" It sets forth an interview [redacted] a potential criminal informant of the Dallas Office, by SAs Gemberling and Kenneth C. Howe on 5/31/61 in which [redacted] furnished information regarding activities of girls known to [redacted] in Dallas whom she believed to be active in prostitution. [redacted] stated that Jack Ruby was the owner of the Carousel Club. She termed Ruby as "no good" and stated he would not permit girls to work for him unless they were intimate with him.

10. This item is taken from Dallas file number [redacted] entitled "Jack L. Ruby, Potential Criminal Informant." It sets forth a description of Ruby which was obtained by SA Charles W. Flynn at the time Ruby was initially contacted on March 11, 1959, to determine if he would be willing to furnish information regarding criminal matters to the Bureau. No other information was furnished by Ruby at the time of this contact or at the time of any of the eight subsequent contacts between March 11 and October 2, 1959. This description was set forth in the report of SA Manning C. Clements at Dallas dated 11/30/63 which was furnished to the Commission.